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REVIEWS

Rededicating America. The Life and Recent Speeches of Warren G. Harding. By FREDERICK E. SCHORTEMEIER, Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1920, pp. 256.

The biographical part of the volume consists of 33 pages, a brief straightforward account of a rather uneventful life. Mr. Harding comes of a plain American family, nothing sensational either in the family history or his own. His life is easily understood because he has always done the sensible, practical thing.

The twenty speeches given cover a rather wide range, but running through all is the moderation, sanity and caution that characterize the man. Speech of acceptance, Safeguarding America, Americanization, Theodore Roosevelt, McKinley, Washington, Lincoln, Grant, The Declaration of War with Germany, America in the War, The Republican Party and America, Problems of America, Excess Profits-Tax, Auto-Intoxication, Back to Normal, The Philippine Islands, The Knox Resolutions, Some Specifications, and the Peace Treaty, are the titles. They cover a period of time extending from 1916 to 1920 and admirably illustrate the political philosophy of the author.

Life and Times of Stevens Thompson Mason, the Boy Governor of Michigan. By LAWTON T. HEMANS. This is Vol. — of the Michigan Historical Commission.

Governor Mason was a native of Virginia, a member of the famous Mason family, best represented in American history by George Mason. About 1812 the family moved to Kentucky. In 1830 the father, John T. Mason, was appointed secretary of the territory of Michigan. In due time and after many discouraging delays to Michigan it became a state and Stevens T. Mason, a Jacksonian Democrat, its first governor, two terms, 1836-40. His administration covers the stirring times of Internal Improvements and Mr. Hemans has handled the political history of that period fully. For this reason, principally, the volume is of more than statewide interest.